## Scholarship, Primary Sources, And Mr Myatt

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Εστι δη των εν τω διαλέγεσθαι λόγων τέτταρα γένη, διδασκαλικοί και διαλεκτικοί και πειραστικοί και εριστικοί [...]

διδασκαλικοί μεν οι εκ των οικείων αρχών εκάστου μαθήματος και ουκ εκ των τού αποκρινομένου δοξών συλλογιζόμενοι (δεϊ γαρ πιστεύειν τον μανθάνοντα), διαλεκτικοί δ' οι εκ των ενδόξων συλλογιστικοί αντιφάσεως, πειραστικοί δ' οι εκ των δοκούντων των αποκρινομένω και αναγκαίων ειδέναι το προσποιουμένω έχειν την επιστήμης (δν τρόπον δε, διώρισται εν ετέροις), εριστικοί δ' οι εκ των φαινομένων ενδόξων μη όντων δε συλλογιστικοί ή φαινόμενοι συλλογιστικοί. περί μεν ούν των αποδεικτικών εν τοϊς Αναλυτικούς είρηται, περί δε των διαλεκτικών και πειραστικών εν τοις άλλοις· περί δε των αγωνιστικών και έριστικών νύν λέγωμεν.

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## **Scholarship And Primary Sources**

A study of primary sources is the scholarly, the civilized, way for an individual to understand, to acquire a learned knowledge of a subject, such as a philosophy or a weltanschauung be such a weltanschauung a spiritual or a religious one. Thus to understand in such an individual, civilized, way the religion of Christianity a detailed study of the four gospels in their original language is required since they are primary sources in respect of that religion given that Christian tradition considers them the oldest and most reliable sources. Similarly, to understand in such a way a philosophy such as that of Immanuel Kant a study of his writings, and his writings alone and in their original language is necessary, since to rely on the translations of others is to rely on the interpretation of those others, as is considering and giving weight to the opinions or the conclusions of others regarding Kant's philosophy.

To be learned, to be a scholar in the traditional sense, is to have a profound knowledge gained by study.

Scholarly (sko larli), a. [f. Scholar + -LY 1.] Not in Johnson or Todd. Pertaining to, or characterizing, a scholar; befitting, or natural to, a scholar; learned, erudite.

#### Learned:

2. Of a person: In early use, that has been taught; instructed, educated. In later use with narrowed sense: Having profound knowledge gained by study, esp. in language or some department of literary or historical science; deeply-read, erudite. Const. in. + of. (Superseding the earlier LERED.)

Learned society: a society formed for the prosecution of some branch of learning or science.

However, in this era where the interpretations, the opinions, the often fallaciously made conclusions, of others are readily available by means of printed articles and books, by the Media, and by mediums such as the Internet, this scholarly, civilized, rational, slow way to acquire a balanced knowledge and understanding of a subject is a dying, unpopular, Cræft {1} even in academia. For the designation 'academic' in this era does not necessarily imply that a person who is employed in academia is learned, erudite, in a particular subject as for example the scholar Richard Jebb was erudite in Ancient Greek. Instead, it is often the case that a published work by a modern academic is not based on their own detailed scholarly research {2} using primary sources {3} but on the opinions, or the conclusions, of others, and thus often on fallacies such as Appeal to Authority. {4}

The particular Cræft under consideration was, in the early decades of the twentieth century, practised by many if not most of what are now described as 'intelligence' or security service agencies but has become deprecated because as experience has revealed the political paymasters of such agencies do not want to be informed of what may contradict their political agenda and personal opinions but only of what may be politically or personally advantageous to them and their government, and if some analyst provides an inconvenient report then politicians, as they have done multiple times recently in regard to Western actions in Iraq and Afghanistan, have no hesitation in censoring or concealing or denying the truth in the belief that through manipulation of the Media that truth will 'go away' or that certain documents will 'go missing' or that it will be officially suppressed for fifty years or more under what is known, in Britain, as the fifty year rule.

This deprecation of the scholarly Cræft is particularly evident in the case of Wikipedia.

## **Wikipedia**

In the last decade or so the Internet articles which are collected together under the term Wikipedia - the so-called "free encyclopedia that anyone can edit" - have become the first and often the only source most people turn to find out about a subject or an event or a group or an individual partly because, given massive financial and other support to the Wikipedia Foundation from the corporate worldwide business Google (with an annual revenue, as of 2023, around US\$200 billion) Wikipedia items always appear at the top of internet searches using Google Search as they invariably do when other 'search engines' are used given the volume of traffic to Wikipedia generated by Google Search.

But this support by Google comes at a cost, as evident in the criteria Wikipedia uses for what they regard as a 'reliable

source'. Their criteria is to reject primary sources in favour of interpretive secondary and tertiary source material produced by established publishers or by news media (including digital, on-line ones) whose authors are regarded by the often anonymous editors of Wikipedia as authoritative about a subject simply because their items are published by such publishers and news media or have appeared elsewhere in the mass media. Thus opinion pieces by academics, by journalists and others which meet the Wikipedia criteria of being such secondary or tertiary sources provide the basis for Wikipedia articles even if the authors of cited books or articles commit fallacies such as the Appeal To Authority and the Fallacy of Incomplete Evidence and have not used primary sources as the basis for their conclusions.

The consequence is that most of those using Wikipedia unknowing commit the fallacy of Appeal To Authority, relying as they do on the opinions and conclusions of others and thus on secondary and tertiary sources.

This reliance on such a mass media source as Wikipedia is indicative of our era for two reasons. Firstly, because it is a radical departure from the civilized, rational, way of personally acquiring a balanced knowledge and understanding of a subject or a person by using primary sources or by searching for books and items written by those who are scholars and thus who have used primary sources and drawn conclusions based on logical reasoning. Secondly, because such reliance is invariably a reliance on what has become or appears to be the accepted public or Establishment opinion {5} about a subject or a person often based as such an opinion is on propaganda, and thus is an example of the fallacy of ad populum which is when a person 'follows the crowd' and believes or claims that because so many others have claimed or believe something it is probably true, as in the old proverb 'no smoke without fire'.

Thus, far from being used by many to access knowledge of a scholarly nature, the Internet and digital resources such as Wikipedia are used by the majority to access what has become the accepted public or Establishment opinion about a subject or a person.

## **A Modern Example**

In the matter of Wikipedia an example of their use of secondary and tertiary sources, and thus of opinion pieces by journalists, politicians, academics and others, is the article about the controversial modern figure David Myatt, former neo-nazi activist and ideologue, former Catholic monk, former supporter of bin Laden and the Taliban, and apparently now a reformed extremist who has developed a mystical philosophy centred around virtues such as compassion and empathy.

The Wikipedia article relies almost entirely on secondary and tertiary sources; provides no link to Myatt's current weblog, and no quotations from his recent writings. Instead, it is dominated by the allegation of him being "the political and religious leader of the White nationalist theistic Satanist organization [the] Order of Nine Angles".

As 'evidence' for this allegation the secondary and tertiary sources include mainstream published opinion pieces by antifascists and journalists; citations to reports and articles by government sponsored policy groups such as the Combating Terrorism Center at the Establishment-run West Point Military Academy; and academics such as Goodrick-Clarke and Senholt.

Yet when examined, none of these secondary and tertiary sources provide any probative evidence for the accusations they make. Pertinent examples are:

° The referenced report by the Combating Terrorism Center simply states that "the O9A is a occultist current founded by David Myatt in the late 1960s in the United Kingdom," with their only citation being a book by Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke. However, on examination, that cited book provides no evidence from primary sources.

For Goodrick-Clarke's identification of Myatt as 'Anton Long' - in his book *Black Sun: Aryan Cults, Esoteric Nazism, and the Politics of Identity*, NYU Press, 2003 - is solely based on his claim that Myatt was the author of a typescript titled *Diablerie*, a copy of which is in the British Library, General Reference Collection Cup.711/742, BNB GB9219567. However, he provided no evidence, no sources, for this claim of his, or for his other claims such as that "the ONA was founded by David Myatt" and that Myatt was "a long time devotee of satanism."

Goodrick-Clarke also failed to research and provide any documentary evidence from primary sources regarding Myatt's life so that it could be compared to the life described in the Diablerie manuscript; he failed to ask Myatt himself about the manuscript which Myatt his 2012 text *A Matter of Honour* denounced as a work of fiction. {6}

The fact that Goodrick-Clarke's book is and has often been cited as 'proof' that DM=AL thus provides another classic example of the fallacy of appeal to authority.

- ° That Jacob Senholt is cited and quoted as writing that "ONA-inspired activities, led by protagonist David Myatt, managed to enter the scene of grand politics and the global War On Terror" and yet Senholt, as described in Appendix One of our article, not only failed to provide evidence from primary sources but committed the fallacy of Incomplete Evidence.
- ° In regard to Myatt's rejection of extremism, the citation is not to primary sources written by Myatt since 2012 but to a secondary source: an article by Daveed Gartenstein-Ross & Madeleine Blackman, with Daveed Gartenstein-Ross in a later, 2023, article *The Order of Nine Angles: Cosmology, Practice & Movement*, https://doi.org/10.1080 /1057610X.2023.2186737 claiming that "[Anton] Long's writings display thematic and linguistic similarities to those of Myatt" while not providing details of what these similarities are, nor any evidential facts regarding them nor providing any citations to where such similarities have been analysed and evidential facts presented. We can only presume that the now discredited assumptions of Senholt qv. Appendix One below were the source.

<sup>°</sup> In regard to opinion pieces by lay-persons, a 2003 book by a journalist - Into a World of Hate by Nick Ryan - is

mentioned although the claims made by the author, such as that Myatt wrote "the publicly available teachings of the ONA under the pseudonym Anton Long", are simply the author's personal opinion with no scholarly citations given to support them. Which mention of such a book by a lay-person is yet another example of how the editors of the Wikipedia article about Myatt commit the fallacy of Appeal to Authority.

The logical conclusion is that the Wikipedia article about Myatt, based as it is on secondary and tertiary sources, is unbalanced, remiss, failing as it does to cite or provide quotations from primary sources such as Myatt's extensive post-2012 writings {7} referencing as it does only the accepted Establishment opinion about him evident in such government and corporate sponsored policy groups such as the Combating Terrorism Center. Hence why the minimal reference in the Wikipedia article about Myatt having rejected extremism and developed his own philosophy is not to Myatt's writings on the matter but to interpretive secondary sources such as a 2012 book by Roger Griffin titled *Terrorist's Creed: Fanatical Violence and the Human Need for Meaning*.

# Conclusion

Is this examination such as we have conducted just a pedantic aside which can easily be ignored in the maelström of the modern world with its rapid easily accessible transmission, and acceptance of, personal opinion and propaganda?

We believe it is not a pedantic aside, for the reliance on secondary and tertiary sources, the committal by politicians, journalists and even by academics of fallacies of reasoning, expose how our Western civilization has apparently declined because we have forsaken its core essentials: scholarship, logical reasoning, and the Aristotelian essentials which are:

- (i) Reality (existence) exists independently of us and our consciousness, and thus independent of our senses;
- (ii) our limited understanding of this independent 'external world' depends for the most part upon our senses that is, on what we can see, hear or touch; that is, on what we can observe or come to know via our
- senses; (iii) logical argument, or reason, is perhaps the most important means to knowledge and understanding of and about this 'external world'; (iv) the cosmos (existence) is, of itself, a reasoned order subject to rational laws.

Essentials also expressed in relation to science by Isaac Newton in his Principia,

"We are to admit no more causes of natural things than such as are both true and sufficient to explain their appearance [...] for Nature is pleased with simplicity, and affects not the pomp of superfluous causes."

To conclude, we would controversially claim that David Myatt, object of much Establishment propaganda as exemplified in the Wikipedia article about him, is in his later life one modern example of the raison d'être of our Western civilization, as evident in such post-2012 writings of his as (i) *Corpus Hermeticum: Eight Tractates*, (ii) *The Gospel According To John: A Translation And Commentary*, Chapters 1-5; (iii) *Classical Paganism And The Christian Ethos*; and (iv) *Tu Es Diaboli Ianua*.

All of which writings, available both in print and on his weblog, are not even mentioned in that Wikipedia article or even by academics.

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{1} Cræft: this older spelling implies more than the modern usage associated with the word 'craft'.

III. + 5. The learning of the schools, scholarship. b. (with a and pl.) A branch of learning or knowledge, a science. The seven crafts: the 'seven arts' of the mediæval Universities: see ART 7. Obs. c 1205 LAY. 10923 On bocken heo cude godne cræft. Ibid. 30493 An clarc pe com from Spaine . . feole craftes he cube. a 1225 Leg. Kath. 522 Fifti scolmeistres, of alle be creftes bet clerc ah to cunnen. a 1300 Cursor M. 4647 (Cott.) De seuen craftes all he can. a 1400-50 Alexander 33 pe pasage of be planettis, be poyntes & be sygnes. Pai ware be kiddest of bat craft knawyn in baire tyme. 1483 Cath. Angl. 79 A Crafte, ars liberalis, sciencia [etc.]. 1530 PALSGR. 210/1 Crafte of multyplyeing, alquenemie. IV. A branch of skilled work. 6. An art, trade, or profession requiring special skill and knowledge; esp. a manual art, a HANDI-CRAFT; sometimes applied to any business, calling. or profession by which a livelihood is earned. c897 K. ÆLFRED Gregory's Past. i. 24 Se cræft þæs lareowdomes bið cræft ealra cræfta. c 900 Bæda's Hist. IV. xiii, Seo þeod done cræft ne cude dæs fiscnobes. c 1040 Rule St. Benet 94 For ingehide his cræftes. 1340 Ayenb.

- {2} The criteria of scholarship are: (i) a detailed, meticulous, unbiased original research on and concerning a specific topic or topics or subject undertaken over a year or more in duration and involving primary source material; (ii) an ability to be able to read primary sources in their original language; and (iii) a rational assessment of the knowledge acquired by such research, with such conclusions about the topic, topics, or subject being the logical result of the cumulative scholarly learning so acquired. If the researcher cannot read primary sources in their original language and has to rely on the translations of others then their conclusions are not original and not scholarly just as if they commit logical fallacies such as the fallacy of Incomplete Evidence then their conclusions are also not scholarly.
- {3} Primary sources include contemporaneous manuscripts, letters, diaries, memoirs, personal journals, interviews, speeches, and other materials individuals used to describe (i) events in which they were participants or observers, and (ii) ideas or creations such as a philosophy, music, literature, or art-work which they were responsible for. Hence in the matter of a philosophy such as that of Heidegger the primary sources are his published writings, authenticated recordings or transcriptions of his speeches/lectures, and authenticated unpublished manuscripts if any. The writings, opinions, and conclusions of others about that philosophy are secondary or tertiary sources.
- {4} See Appendix Two for fallacies such as Appeal to Authority.
- {5} By the Establishment is meant those who in modern Western societies have the power, the means, to influence and to shape 'public opinion' on matters political and social. The Establishment thus includes politicians and the incumbent government and often the 'political opposition', large often multinational corporate businesses, the mainstream Media (including national newspapers, television and internet news media and outlets), well-funded special-interest advocacy groups both political and business-orientated; established academics whose work has featured in mainstream publications, and so-called 'independent' or 'freelance' journalists whose work appears in or is cited by the mainstream Media or established publishers.

An Establishment represents the orthodoxy, the zeitgeist, of a particular era, with adherence to or a belief in that orthodoxy a good indication of who or what is part of the Establishment, with the orthodoxy of the current Western current era including support for the idea of modern democracy even if the result of elections has been influenced by particular business and political concerns and 'special interest' groups who have the financial resources to employ professional lobbyists, Media consultants, and propagandists and who often have politicians to further their interests or agenda.

- {6} https://davidmyatt.files.wordpress.com/2018/08/a-matter-of-honour.pdf
- {7} https://davidmyatt.wordpress.com/

## **Appendix One**

# **Senholt And the Fallacy Of Incomplete Evidence**

Jacob Senholt, in a revised version of his 2009 MA thesis titled *Political Esotericism & the convergence of Radical Islam, Satanism and National Socialism in the Order of the Nine Angles* published as a chapter in the 2012 book *The Devil's Party - Satanism in Modernity* {1} alleged that Myatt wrote the terrorist manual *A Practical Guide to Aryan Revolution* which it has been claimed influenced David Copeland, and Senholt like others before and since - including the authors of the 2023 article *The Order of Nine Angles: Cosmology, Practice & Movement*, DOI:10.1080/1057610X.2023.2186737 - Senholt provided no evidential facts in support of that particular allegation, and did not mention that following Myatt's arrest in early 1998 by police officers from Special Branch based at Scotland Yard, the British police in conjunction with the Canadian police and the FBI spent three years trying to prove that Myatt wrote that document, having seized his computers and files, searched his home for over seven hours, and travelled to places such as Canada to interview witnesses. They failed to find any evidence and Myatt was released from his bail in the Summer of 2001.

Senholt also presented his circumstantial evidence that Myatt=Long and in the process and probably inadvertently commits the fallacy of incomplete evidence which is when only certain evidence is presented with other evidence not found, or ignored or deliberately suppressed.

# **Circumstantial Evidence**

i) He mentions a 1978 text, *Copula cum Daemone*, which he claims was written by a DW Myatt and was "in a collection of ONA manuscripts" manuscripts but does give the title of this collection nor any details of publication or images of the text nor any evidence that it was written by Myatt. He them claims that in later digital editions of this text - which again he provides no references to or images of - it was attributed to various other authors and concludes that this is "a clear example of a text originally issued by Myatt, and later disguised with a pseudonym."

In other words, he does not provide any evidential facts but presents only his personal opinion.

ii) He goes on to claim that the *Diablerie* manuscript - a copy of which is in the British Library {2} - "reveals details of Long's life that appear remarkably similar to Myatt's own life" and cites Goodrick-Clarke and yet as with Goodrick-Clarke {3} does not provide comparisons using research based on documentary evidence from primary sources regarding Myatt's life.

Thus and yet again Senholt does not provide any evidential facts but presents only his personal opinion.

- iii) His next claim is that since writings by Myatt and the ONA have been published by the same publisher there "is a direct connection" which is a spurious conclusion since publishers often print items from various authors which does not mean the various authors are connected in any way.
- iv) His next piece of circumstantial evidence "concerns the use of alternate dating-systems", about which he states that since both Myatt in his National Socialist writings and the ONA use "yf, designating the Year of the Führer" there is a connection, neglecting to mention or failing to discover through research that other groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and Willian Pierce of National Alliance fame and other neo-nazis have used the same dating system, both in its English form and its German form of 'Jahr des Fuhrers' {4}.
- (v) His final piece of circumstantial evidence is linguistic, claiming that "when one has a closer look at many of the basic ideas and the terminology used in the ONA, it appears as if there are many glaring similarities to Myatt's own ideas." He cites terms such as Homo Galactica, causal and acausal, and Aeons while failing to mention that such borrowing of terms, ideas and concepts, is and has been common for centuries and is not evidence of a direct and personal link between those using such terms, ideas and concepts.

However, he not only does not provide any evidence from forensic linguistics but fails to mention numerous texts by Anton Long and by self-declared O9A adherents in which he explains the purpose of Anton Long's Labyrinthos Mythologicus which implies:

"myth-making; creating or concerned with mythology or myths; a mythical narrative, and is both (a) a modern and an amoral version of a technique often historically employed, world-wide among diverse cultures and traditions both esoteric and otherwise, to test and select candidates, and (b) a mischievous, japing, sly, and sometimes (for mundanes) an annoying, part of the O9A sinister dialectic." {5}

In other words, it was used not only to test and select candidates but also had an antinomian, dialectical, and japing purpose with Anton Long in a 28th August 103yf [1992] letter to Temple of Set member David Austen writing that the intent was "to make people like you draw the conclusion you were intended to make." {6} There is also the problem of the O9A 'manual of style' in relation to the claim that

"since one or more ONA blogs or websites, or some articles, use the same or similar styling and/or layout as some blog or website or article by or assumed to be by Myatt, it means that Myatt is behind them all – clearly ignoring the obvious fact that such similarities, if not just coincidental, could well be a deliberate imitation designed to get mundanes to jump to such a silly, fallacious, conclusion." {7} {8}

In regard to forensic linguistics,

"author profiling is subjective not empirical and thus not definitive. Second, and most important in this case, the task would be formidable with the result easily open to question given the volume of material written by both Myatt and the pseudonymous Anton Long over several decades and given that the forensic profiler would have to subjectively select what texts from what years to compare.

What would their subjective criteria for such a selection be? To compare a few texts from around the same time? To compare a few texts from the same decade? To compare just a few or dozens of texts from three or four decades?

Since 1984 with the publication of his 45 page tract *Vindex - Destiny of the West* to 2022 with the publication of his *Numinosity, Denotata, Empathy, And The Hermetic Tradition*, Myatt has written thousands of pages of texts. The texts also vary in subject matter, from polemical propagandistic texts in support of National Socialism (1984-1998) to ideological tracts in support of his 'ethical National Socialism' (1996-1998) to items supporting a particular and radical interpretation Islam (2001-2008) to his post-2012 writings about his philosophy of pathei-mathos to his autobiographical effusions such as his 2014 collection of essays titled *One Vagabond In Exile From The Gods* and the letters included in parts two and three of his 2013 book *Understanding and Rejecting Extremism*. There is also the matter of Myatt's translations of and commentaries on tractates of the Corpus Hermeticum (2017) and his 2017 scholarly monographs *Classical Paganism And The Christian Ethos* and *Tu Es Diaboli Ianua*.

In the case of Anton Long there are also thousands of pages of texts, from most of the typescripts included in the compilation *Naos* (1989) to *The Satanic Letters* (1992) to *Enantiodromia - The Sinister Abyssal Nexion* (2012). The issue is further complicated by writings published between 1992 and 2011 which do not bear the name 'Anton Long' and thus are anonymous but which anonymous texts many critics have assumed were written by Anton Long but for which assumption they have not and never have provided any evidence." {7}

## **Insight Roles**

Following his circumstantial evidence, Senholt also claims that Myatt's diverse and exeatic life is an example of O9A Insight Roles which mean "gaining real-life experience by working undercover for a period of 6-18 months".

Of five Insight Roles, Senholt cites three - (a) "Join or form a covert insurrectionary organization, dedicated to National Socialism", (b) "Convert to Islam and aid, through words, or deeds, or both, those undertaking Jihad against Zionism and the NWO", and (c) "Join or form a National Socialist group or organization, and aid that organization and especially aid and propagate historical revisionism" - which he claims Myatt has undertaken.

What Senholt neglects to mention is that Myatt promoted National Socialism for thirty years (1968-1998) not for the "6-18 months" of an Insight Role, and was a Muslim who supported Jihad for over ten years (1998-2009) not for the "6-18 months" of an Insight Role.

Which places Senholt's claim into perspective. In addition, he does not mention the obvious facts that the O9A might have been inspired by the nature of Myatt's exeatic life to concoct such Insight Roles, and that Myatt's life does not include other suggested roles such as being an assassin and joining the police or the armed forces.

#### **Conclusion**

In summary, Senholt does not provide any evidential facts in regard to the urban tale that Myatt was/is Anton Long and founded the O9A. Instead, he commits the fallacy of incomplete evidence. That his work is often cited as 'proof' of that urban tale about Myatt being Anton Long provides another example of people committing the fallacy of appeal to authority.

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- {1} Per Faxneld and Jesper Aa. Petersen (editors), *The Devil's Party: Satanism in Modernity*, Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- {2} A copy of the 19 page *Diablerie Revelations of a Satanist* typescript is in the British Library: General Reference Collection Cup.711/742, BNB GB9219567.
- {3} Goodrick-Clarke's identification of Myatt as 'Anton Long' in his book *Black Sun: Aryan Cults, Esoteric Nazism, and the Politics of Identity*, NYU Press, 2003 is solely based on his claim that Myatt was the author of a typescript titled *Diablerie*, a copy of which is in the British Library, General Reference Collection Cup.711/742, BNB GB9219567.

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- {4} https://web.archive.org/web/20230511054221/https://www.nytimes.com/1991/11/03/world/klan-seizes-ongermany-s-wave-of-racist-violence.html
- {5} A Glossary of Order of Nine Angles Terms, v. 7.05, included in Order Of Nine Angles Subculture: A Complete Guide, e-text, 1520 pages, 2021.
- {6} The letter is included in facsimile in volume one of *The Satanic Letters of Stephen Brown*, Thormynd Press, 1992.
- {7} Kerri Scott, Author Profiling In The Case Of David Myatt And Anton Long, e-text, 2022.
- {8} The O9A 'manual of style' was publicly mentioned in several 2015 and 2016 Internet posts such as this one from 2016:

That you equate me/us with someone else who has posted about the O9A on some forum (which has since banned all discussion of the ONA) is both flattering and mildly amusing. Perhaps it's the still secret "ONA Manual Of Style" that keeps outsiders making such assumptions...

https://web.archive.org/web/20220511055625/https://annaczereda.wordpress.com/2016/09/13/mad-as-a-hatter/

It was also described in a 2016 article titled The O9A Manual Of Style,

"As mentioned to some correspondents over the years, those who are associated with the Falciferian O9A have had an 'ONA Manual of Style' just as many older, established, newspapers (such as the Guardian and the New York Times) have their in-house manuals of style and usage. Such manuals are often updated every few decades, and are useful guides that enable printed items to have an 'in-house' style. Given the non-hierarchical structure and ethos of the O9A, the manual offers guidance, recommending best practice rather than giving rules which are expected be followed.

The ONA manual deals not only with the specific - O9A assigned - meaning of certain words (such as nexion, presencing, mundanes, culling) but also with many other topics, such as (i) whether certain words - for example 'satanism' and 'satan' - should be with an upper or a lower case S, (ii) how titles and subtitles should appear (usually, and against current convention) with all words beginning with upper case), (iii) how footnotes should be numbered and displayed (usually numbered within curly brackets), (iv) how each page should be set out, (v) how texts should display the name of the author, and (vi) how the introduction to following paragraphs should be phrased, with suggestions ranging from 'However' to 'In addition' to 'Thus'

Initially compiled by 'Anton Long' in the early 1990s, the manual has gone through several editions, with one of its main functions being inspired by what was once termed the Aquino fallacy."

The article The O9A Manual Of Style was included in the compilation The Dialectical Order Of Nine Angles, e-text, 2016.

## **Appendix Two**

### The Fallacy Of Appeal To Authority

The fallacy of appeal to authority, also known as the fallacy of Argumentum ad Verecundiam, is somewhat misunderstood in this age of the Internet. It is not only citing or quoting a person or persons who is/are regarded, by the person citing or quoting or by others, as an authority or 'expert' on a subject but also citing or quoting the opinion given by some institution, or 'policy/advisory group' or similar, on a subject, regardless of whether or not the 'expert' or institution or whatever has their opinion published by some means or some medium regarded as 'mainstream', academic, or 'respectable' or authoritative.

The crux of the fallacy is a reliance by someone or by some others on who or what is regarded in a particular society as an authority on or as having a detailed or 'expert' knowledge of a subject or subjects.

Thus a statement such as the fallacy of appeal to authority "is when the opinion of a non-expert on a topic is used as evidence" is itself fallacious because although it appears to be a decisive statement regarding 'authority' it is logically not so having not only restricted the fallacy to those are not 'experts' but does not define what an 'expert' or a 'false expert' is or are or who or what person or institution, or 'policy/advisory group' or similar has the 'authority' to declare someone an 'expert' or a 'false expert' in a certain subject or subjects, and from whence a person or an institution, or 'policy/advisory group' or similar derives their own authority to make such declarations.

The corollary of the appeal to authority, as defined in the first paragraph, is personal research by scholarly means of a subject using primary sources. Which leads to the definition of what constitutes primary sources and scholarly means, as defined below.

#### **Fallacy Of Ad Populum**

This is when a person 'follows the crowd' and believes or claims that because so many others have claimed or believe something it is probably true.

## **Fallacy Of Argumentum ad Hominem**

This belongs to the category ignoratio elenchi. Argumentum ad hominem is when the character and/or the motives and/or the identity of the person presenting an argument is/are maligned or called into question often in an attempt to deflect attention away from the topic being discussed or from their failure to answer questions asked of them.

## **Fallacy of Composition**

Also known as the Fallacy of Illicit Transference. This is an example of equivocation, and is when a generalization is made from a few specific instances or examples with the generalization then applied to pejoratively describe or malign a group or organization or person.

## **Fallacy Of The False Cause**

Generally referred to by the Latin phrase *non causa pro causâ*. This fallacy is the assumption that one thing is the cause of another without any logical reasoning.

## **Fallacy Of Incomplete Evidence**

Also known as the fallacy of suppressed evidence. This is when evidence which disproves or may disprove a claim or conclusion is not considered either deliberately (suppressed evidence) or because of a lack of detailed and scholarly research.

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The criteria of scholarship are: (i) a detailed, meticulous, unbiased original research on and concerning a specific topic or topics or subject undertaken over a year or more in duration and involving primary source material; (ii) an ability to be able to read primary sources in their original language; and (iii) a rational assessment of the knowledge acquired by such research, with such conclusions about the topic, topics, or subject being the logical result of the cumulative scholarly learning so acquired. If the researcher cannot read primary sources in their original language and has to rely on the translations of others then their conclusions are not original and not scholarly just as if they commit logical fallacies - such as the fallacy of Incomplete Evidence - then their conclusions are also not scholarly.

<u>Primary sources</u> include contemporaneous manuscripts, letters, diaries, memoirs, personal journals, interviews,

speeches, and other materials individuals used to describe (i) events in which they were participants or observers, and (ii) ideas or creations - such as a philosophy, music, literature, or art-work - which they were responsible for. Hence in the matter of a philosophy such as that of Heidegger the primary sources are his published writings, authenticated recordings or transcriptions of his speeches/lectures, and authenticated uppublished manuscripts if any. The writings
recordings or transcriptions of his speeches/lectures, and authenticated unpublished manuscripts if any. The writings, opinions, and conclusions of others about that philosophy are secondary or tertiary sources.

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